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The Mission of the United States Agency for International Development for the Philippines (USAID/Philippines) seeks innovative applications from qualified U.S. or Non-U.S. organizations (including the Philippines) non-profit or for-profit entities to implement activities as described in this Annual Program Statement (APS) under grants or cooperative agreements.

USAID will support programs that: a) promote the inclusion of people with disabilities (PWDs) in development promotion; b) find solutions that break down existing as well as potential barriers, and; c) ensure inclusion of PWDs in USAID activities and programs.

The authority for this APS is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. Awards shall be made in accordance with 22 CFR 226, OMB Circulars A-21 (for universities) or A-122 (for non-profit organizations), ADS-303, and USAID Standard Provisions.

Pending availability of funding, USAID anticipates awarding a limited number of grants and cooperative agreements in response to this APS. Concept papers of no more than ten (10) pages in length, may be submitted from January 8, 2008 to February 8, 2008.

Funding requests should range from \$20,000 to \$300,000 for programs with periods of implementation of 12 to 24 months. USAID reserves the right to close this APS before the closing date if it chooses to do so. All awards will be issued by September 30, 2008.

Note that no fee or profit will be paid to the grant or cooperative agreement recipient.

An initial review of all applications received before closing date will be done by USAID/Philippines. Accepted concept papers will be forwarded to USAID/Washington for final review. Applicants whose concept papers are not accepted will be notified in writing.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications through one of the following means:

1. Electronically to the following e-mail address: LSusi@usaid.gov

2. By U.S. Mail

USAID/Philippines
492-08-002-APS
Office of Regional Procurement
PSC 502 Box 1
FPO AP 96515-1200

3. By All Other Means of Delivery

USAID/Philippines
492-08-002-APS
Office of Regional Procurement
8/F PNB Financial Center
Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard
Pasay City, Philippines 1308

4. Through www.grants.gov

Go to www.grants.gov for application instructions. For Grants.gov technical support, call 1-800-518-4726.

Applicants are requested to submit both technical and budget proposals as one document in electronic format (CD or email). If the application is sent via e-mail or submitted through www.grants.gov, a CD submission is not required.

This APS is issued as a public notice to ensure that all interested parties have a fair opportunity to submit applications for funding. Issuance of this APS does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. Government, nor does it commit USAID to pay for any costs incurred in either the preparation of or submission of an application. Further, USAID reserves the right to reject any, or all, applications received. In addition, final award of any resultant grant(s) cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures. While it is anticipated that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for award. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant; should circumstances prevent award, all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications received.

This APS is being posted at www.grants.gov and at the USAID/Philippines website <http://philippines.usaid.gov>. This APS and any future amendments can be downloaded from these websites. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that it has received the APS and its amendments if any from these sites, in their entirety. USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes.

Any questions concerning this APS should be submitted in writing to Ms. Lucillyn Susi, Acquisition Specialist, via e-mail at LSusi@usaid.gov . Applicants should retain a copy of their applications for their records.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Edler
Supervisory Regional Agreement Officer
Office of Regional Procurement
USAID/Philippines

USAID/PHILIPPINES EXPANDING PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT (APS) FOR FY-08

I. Purpose Statement

USAID/Philippines is seeking innovative applications from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of providing assistance to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities (PWDs) in development cooperation, to find solutions to break down existing as well as potential barriers and to ensure full inclusion of people with disabilities in USAID activities and programs. As further described below, the funds should be used to support projects and programs that will increase the participation of people with disabilities within the programs and strategies of USAID. Programs and activities that could be adapted to better include people with disabilities could include, but is not limited to, programs in education, health, government, civil society building, rule of law, HIV/AIDS, and employment opportunities. In addition, concept papers that would help facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities into USAID/Philippines program and activities such as capacity building programs for disabled persons organizations (DPOs) in the Philippines, disability awareness raising activities, conducting disability assessments and technical assistance to develop disability strategic plans could also be considered.

Subject to the availability of funds, we expect to fund individual programs in an amount ranging from \$20,000 to \$300,000 for programs with periods of implementation of 12 to 24 months. Applications from qualified U.S. or non-U.S. entities, such as private, non-profit organizations (or for-profit companies willing to forego profits), including private voluntary organizations, universities, research organizations, professional associations, and relevant special interest associations are welcomed. Awards to U.S. organizations will be administered in accordance with (1) 22 C.F.R. 226, (2) OMB Circulars and (3) the USAID Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Recipients. Awards to non-U.S. organizations will be administered in accordance with USAID Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Non-governmental Recipients.

We strongly encourage concept papers that will actively engage USAID in the work with DPOs and other local organizations in planning and implementation. Mechanisms, such as umbrella grants, that will allow for substantial small grants to local DPOs will also be considered.

II. Background

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 10% of any population has some form of disability with a higher incidence of disability in countries that are post conflict. Therefore, it is estimated that 600 million people throughout the world have a disability and 400 million of those are living within developing nations. The World Bank estimates that people with disabilities make up 20% of the poorest of the poor with one out of every five people living on less than a \$1 a day. People with

disabilities, however, have historically been marginalized from traditional development cooperation activities due to discrimination or inadvertent barriers, which has resulted in further disparity to the access of education, employment, health care services and civil society integration, among others. Furthermore, in the past, the programs that have existed for people with disabilities tended to be separate programs rather than mainstreaming people with disabilities into existing traditional development cooperation activities. Although it may be necessary at times to develop separate programs that are only designed to address the needs of people with disabilities, it is also extremely important to find innovative ways to include people with disabilities in general development cooperation in order to ensure a wider variety of services.

In September 1997, USAID adopted a policy that advanced a clear vision and framework for the Agency's efforts in the area of disability. The policy states that USAID will not discriminate against people with disabilities and will work to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities in USAID-funded programs and activities. The policy also calls on USAID missions to reach out to partners, host country counterparts, and other donors to lead a collaborative effort to end discrimination against, and promote equal opportunity for, persons with disabilities.

III. Authority

The Annual Program Statement is authorized in accordance with Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, (FAA) Sections 621 and 635(b).

IV. Areas of Interest

USAID encourages creativity and innovative approaches in the design of programs proposed under this request. Applicants are free to submit concept papers that focus on one or more of the results areas identified below. **The following list of activities is only illustrative.** Other innovative ideas are welcome. Moreover, activities should be complimentary to USAID's strategic objectives for the Philippines:

A. Increase inclusive development programs and practices within USAID/Philippines.

The result of these interventions is to enhance participation of people with disabilities in current USAID programs in the Philippines. For example:

- 1) Promoting the participation of people with disabilities in the democratic process and elections.
- 2) Promoting the inclusion of participation of people with disabilities in HIV/AIDS awareness raising and education programs.
- 3) Fostering the inclusion of children with disabilities in education programs.
- 4) Increasing employment and economic opportunities for people with disabilities.

- 5) Building the capacity of humanitarian relief workers and first responders to better incorporate the needs of people with disabilities in all disaster relief planning.
- 6) Improving laws and policies within country that better reflect the inclusion of people with disabilities.

B. Strengthen the capacity disabled persons organizations (DPOs) in the Philippines to advocate for full inclusion and equality

The result of these interventions is to build capacity of DPOs to effectively participate, manage and implement inclusive programs for people with disabilities. For example:

- 1) Improving the financial management, human resources, quality assurance, strategic planning, fundraising capabilities, leadership and coordination of DPOs.
- 2) Building advocacy skills of DPOs to increase the inclusion of people with disabilities in programs funded by USAID, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and other donors.

C. Support relevant information gathering or assessments that will assist USAID/Philippines to improve the inclusion of people with disabilities in future programs, policies or practices.

The purpose of these assessments is to better inform USAID/Philippines of the context or specific needs of people with disabilities to build inclusive programs, policies and practices. For example:

- 1) Conducting research on the needs or best practices for inclusion of people with disabilities in different thematic issues.
- 2) Conducting disability assessments to better guide USAID/Philippines on the context and situation of people with disabilities within the country.
- 3) Providing technical assistance to develop Mission Disability Strategic Plans to better develop future inclusive programs for people with disabilities.

Additional information about USAID/Philippines Programs can be found at:
<http://philippines.usaid.gov>

V. Eligibility

Applicants may be U.S. or non-U.S. (including the Philippines) non-profit or for-profit entities. However, no fee or profit will be paid to the grant or cooperative agreement award recipient. The USAID Agreement Officer must be fully satisfied that any applicant selected for award has the capacity to adequately perform in accordance with principles established by USAID and/or OMB, as applicable. Any applicant selected for funding, who is a first time recipient of USAID funds, may have to undergo pre-award financial and management reviews.

VI. Instructions to Applicants

All interested applicants must submit a concept paper not to exceed 10 pages which includes a cover page/introduction, budget and technical narrative that outlines the following issues:

- a. Objectives/Basis/Strategy* - Include an explanation of the problem to be addressed, the expected goals and specific objectives to be achieved, and a short description of the strategy to be used to achieve the proposed goals and objectives;
- b. Beneficiary Population and Geographic Range of the Program* - Define the characteristics and details of the target population, and geographic area in the Philippines in which the proposed program will be conducted. Identify counterparts/implementation partners, including local partners. Include a statement outlining gender issues and how the applicant proposes to address the issues;
- c. Development Plan and Activity Description* – Define an implementation plan with a proposed timeframe. Include a short description of the activities that will be undertaken to achieve the proposed objective, and how this activity supports USAID's program;
- d. Expected Impact* - Outline expected results and the mechanisms proposed to measure and monitor progress, achievement and sustainability. Indicators that must be reported on are: number of beneficiaries (men/women); number of people trained (men/women), and; number of organizations strengthened, and;
- e. Technical/Administrative Capabilities in Proposed Work Area* - Describe your organization's technical and administrative experience and capabilities, including a description of work undertaken in specific areas in the Philippines.

Concept papers must include a budget with brief cost breakdown that allows assessment of cost effectiveness and realism. Additionally, if the approach includes plans to award sub-grants, the applicant should identify the scope, mechanism and budgetary amounts.

Criteria used to evaluate concept papers shall include the technical merits, cost effectiveness and cost realism of the application, and previous work and experience of the applicant.

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Concept papers will be considered for one time grants, with no expectations for follow-on funding.

VII. Evaluation Criteria

A. PROGRAM STRATEGY AND APPROACH [40 points]

1. Pragmatism and creativity in the overall strategy.
2. Demonstrated understanding of the issues, appropriateness of approaches, and clarity of proposed objectives; and
3. Linkages with, and proposed impact on existing USAID/Philippines programs, activities or strategies.

B. INTEGRATION OF DPOS [40 points]

1. Evidence of linkages with existing Disability programs and/or local human and institutional resources;
2. Evidence of participation of PWDs and DPOs in the Philippines in the design, development, implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation of the program.
3. Assurances that Filipino women with disabilities will participate and benefit from activities.

C. INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITIES / PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE APPLICANT [20 points]

1. Evidence of organization's programmatic, technical and managerial capacity to carry out intended activities;
2. Evidence of past achievement of successful results in the above mentioned areas; and demonstration that the proposed program reflects incorporation of lessons learned

VIII. Point of Contact

Please direct all queries related to this APS and submit applications to:

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